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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, **July 22, 2012**.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 22, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 24**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 22, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 25**, with the following restrictions:

Section 6-D: will be closed north and east of a line from Mariposa Rock Buoy to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington, to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60' N. latitude, 132°42.70' W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point;

Salmon Bay: will be closed west of a line from Point Colpoys to Rookery Island Light to the westernmost tip of Fire Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island at the latitude of the westernmost tip of Fire Island.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 22, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 25**, with the following restrictions:

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island to the northern end of Coney Island to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore;

Beacon Point/Point Frederick Area: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed west of a line from the District 10 boundary one nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to Point Frederick;

Kunk Creek: waters of Kunk Creek will be closed west of a line extending due south from a point on Etolin Island at 56°17.82' N. latitude, 132°22.98' W. longitude, to the District 7/8 boundary line in Zimovia Strait.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 22, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 24**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: waters of Port Snettisham will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman to Point Anmer;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.09' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude, to a point on the south shore at 58°01.92' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude (inside markers);

Gillnet mesh restriction south of the latitude of Circle Point: from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 22, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 24**, gillnets must have a minimum mesh size of six inches.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 22, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 25**, in the waters of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Seduction Point and in the waters of Chilkoot Inlet south of the **White Rock line at 59°18.05' N. latitude, 135°31.33' W. longitude and 59°18.73' N. latitude, 135°30.16' W. longitude.**

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 22, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 25**, in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude and in all remaining waters of Section 15-C south of the latitude of Point Bridget at 58°40.73' N. latitude.

Section 15-C: waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (BHThA) will be open until further notice within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N latitude, south to a point 2.4 nautical miles north of Point Whidbey at **58°36.96' N. latitude.**

King salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. King salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaskan allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. The department is discontinuing the use of species code 411 beginning in 2012 to account for small king salmon in drift gillnet fisheries and instead will rely on ADF&G port sampling programs for that purpose. For drift gillnet fisheries, only species code 410 should be used to report king salmon of all sizes. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared king salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaskan share of the harvest.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S4612.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 29 (July 15 through 21)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 19, 2012

District	NUMBER OF SALMON						Boats	Days Open
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
Section 1-B	50	2,000	800	8,000	30,000	40,850	50	2
District 6	150	8,500	6,500	4,000	16,000	35,150	29	3
District 8	250	2,900	500	400	56,000	60,050	55	3
District 11-B	100	17,000	600	9,000	225,000	251,700	110	2
Deep Inlet THA	200	50	5	2,000	7,500	9,755	9	3
District 15	50	24,000	50	36,000	230,000	290,100	140	4
Total	800	54,450	8,455	59,400	564,500	687,605		

District	FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD						Total
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum		
Section 1-B	1	40	16	160	600		817
District 6	5	293	224	138	552		1212
District 8	5	53	9	7	1,018		1,092
District 11-B	1	155	5	82	2,045		2,288
Deep Inlet THA	22	6	1	222	833		1,084
District 15	0	171	0	257	1,643		2,072

Anita Bay THA: 2,900 kings and 40,000 chums harvested to date.

Nakat Inlet THA: 140,000 chums harvested to date.

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